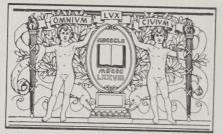


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# Constitution and By-Kaws

OF THE

# BOSTON ART CLUB.



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## An Act to Incorporate the Boston Art Club.

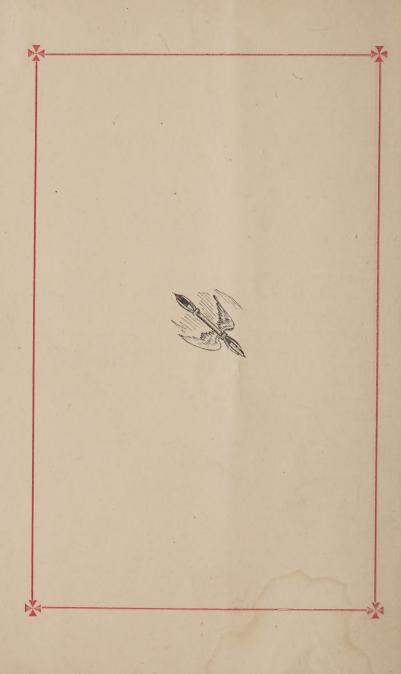
BE IT ENACTED, by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1.—Charles C. Perkins, Horace H. Moses, George D. Russell, their associates and successors, are hereby made a Corporation, by the name of The Boston Art Club, to be located in the City of Boston, for the purpose of advancing the fine arts by the establishment of an Art Gallery and Library, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in all general laws which now are, or hereafter may be, in force, applicable to such corporations.

SECT. 2. — Said Corporation, for the purpose aforesaid, may hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

SECT. 3. - This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 3, 1871.



## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

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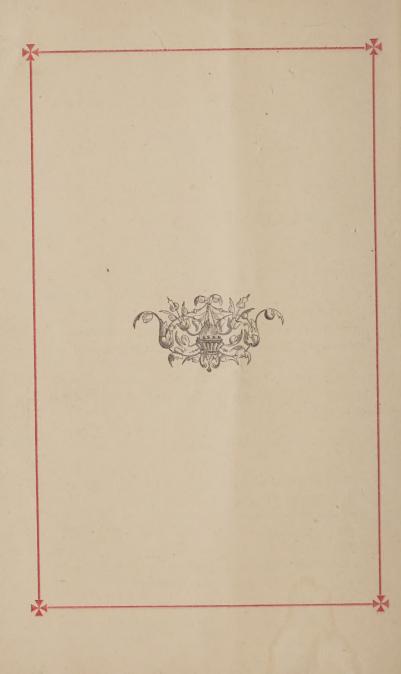
## OFFICERS.

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Dr. JOHN H. WRIGHT		:		VICE-PRESIDENT.
GEORGE D. RUSSELL				TREASURER.
HORACE H. MOSES	•			SECRETARY.
CHARLES A. BARRY				LIBRARIAN.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

JOHN H. STURGIS, CHARLES H. MOORE, JOSEPH ANDREWS, WILLIAM P. HUNT, FRANCIS JAQUES,

WALTER M. BRACKETT, THOMAS O. RICHARDSON, FREDERIC D. WILLIAMS, ALBERT F. BELLOWS, CHARLES W. KENNARD, GEORGE E. NILES, CHARLES L. YOUNG.



# CONSTITUTION.

## ARTICLE I.

OBJECTS OF THE CLUB.

THE objects of the Club shall be the promotion of social intercourse among its members, and the general advancement of Art, through the exhibition of works of art, and acquisition of books and papers upon art for the purpose of forming an Art library, lectures upon art subjects, or through other means appropriate to the social character of the club.

## ARTICLE II.

#### GOVERNMENT.

The government of the club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Librarian, and the Executive Committee of twelve members; who, together, shall constitute a Board of Management, and all of whom shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting to be held on the first Wednesday of January in each year, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

In the election of officers, a majority of votes cast shall be necessary for a choice; and not less than twenty-five members present, either in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum.

Seven of the persons who constitute the Government shall be deemed a quorum in the transaction of business at any meeting of the Government which has been duly called.

At the regular meeting in December of each year, a committee of the Club shall be appointed to nominate candidates for the Officers of the Club for the ensuing year.

## ARTICLE III.

#### PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Management.

He shall call meetings whenever he shall think it expedient, or whenever requested to do so by fifteen members of the Club, and shall, with the Treasurer, sign all contracts of the Club.

He shall, by and with the advice of the Board of Management, make such assessments as he may deem necessary to defray the expenses of the Club; and the amount of such assessment shall not in any one year exceed twenty dollars to each member.

## ARTICLE IV.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT.

In the absence of the President, or upon his resignation, his duties shall be performed by the Vice-President.



## ARTICLE V.

#### TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds of the Club; shall collect all entrance-fees, assessments, and other dues to the Club; shall make all disbursements, but shall pay no bills unless approved by the President; shall render a statement of the accounts of the Club at the Annual meeting, and whenever requested to do so by the President at any regular or special meeting; shall report at the annual meeting the number of active and absent members, the number of delinquents, and the amounts due from each, and shall, with the President, sign all contracts of the Club.

His accounts shall be kept in books belonging to the Club, which shall be at all times open to the inspection of any member of the Government, and shall be audited by a committee of three, to be chosen by the Board of Management. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, their duties shall be performed by the Treasurer.

## ARTICLE VI.

## SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall have the custody of the records and papers relating to the business of the Club; shall issue all notices; shall record the proceedings and votes of all meetings, and conduct the correspondence of the Club.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, their duties shall be performed by the Secretary.

## ARTICLE VII.

#### LIBRARIAN.

The Librarian shall have the supervision of all books, periodicals, and works of art, belonging to the Club, or deposited in the club-rooms (except upon the occasion of a special exhibition), and, under the advice of the government, shall see that the literary department of the Club is well and regularly supplied.

## ARTICLE VIII.

## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

The Board of Management (of whom four at least shall be professional artists) shall hold all the property, effects, and assets of the Club in trust for the benefit and enjoyment of the members thereof; and shall have the management and control of the same, and exercise a general superintendence over the affairs of the Club; shall make or authorize all necessary contracts and purchases, but shall have no power to render the Club, or any member thereof, liable for any debt beyond the amount of money which shall at the time of contracting such debt be in the Treasurer's hands, and not needed for the discharge of prior debts or liabilities, nor to make purchases of works of art for the Club exceeding one hundred dollars in cost, without a vote of the Club authorizing the same.

They shall annually appoint a Standing Committee on Membership, consisting of five persons, and an Audit Committee, consisting of three persons.

## ARTICLE IX.

## COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP.

The Committee on Membership shall consist of five persons, to one of whom the name and residence of each person desiring to become a member of the Club shall be proposed in writing by a member.

The committee shall consider all communications in reference to the persons proposed, and make careful examinations as to their qualifications; and, if a majority of the Committee are opposed to the admission of any candidate, his name shall not be further acted upon, and he shall not be proposed again for six months.

But, if a majority of the committee favor his admission, his name shall be reported to the Secretary, and posted as required in Art. XI. of this Constitution.

The proceedings of this committee shall be secret and confidential.

## ARTICLE X.

## MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Club for the election of officers shall be held on the first Wednesday in January of each year; a printed notice of which shall be sent to each member fourteen days previous to such meeting, and shall also be posted for the same period upon the notice-board in the club-rooms.

The regular business meetings of the Club shall be held on the first Saturday evening of each month; but business may be transacted at adjourned meetings, or at special meetings called by the President.

### ARTICLE XI.

## ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Elections for the admission of members shall take place at the regular meetings of the Club, or at special meetings called for that purpose, except during the months of July, August, and September of each year.

Notice of each meeting, and the name, with the residence, of each candidate for admission, and the name of each person proposing him, shall be posted in the club-rooms by the Secretary fourteen days previous to such meeting.

The ballot-box shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary, and shall be opened by him, or some one authorized by him, for any member desiring to vote during the fourteen days preceding each election.

The Secretary shall keep a correct list of all the members voting, and shall present such list, with the ballot-box, to the officer presiding at the meeting, who shall then count the votes.

No one but the officers shall be permitted to see such list, or to know the names of any of the members who have voted. One negative vote in seven shall exclude; and no candidate shall be deemed admitted who shall not have received fourteen votes.

No candidate who shall have been rejected shall be proposed again for six months.

#### ARTICLE XII.

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

Honorary members may be elected by a vote of threefourths of the members present and voting at any meeting held for the election of members, provided that the names of the persons proposed shall be posted on the notice-board fourteen days previous to such meeting, and there be at least twenty-five votes cast.

And any one admitted under this article shall be exempt from the payment of the entrance-fee and all assessments, but shall have no vote in the proceedings of the Club.

## ARTICLE XIII.

#### CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

No person shall become a member of the club (unless elected under Art. XII.) until he shall have paid to the Treasurer the entrance-fee, and signed his name to the Constitution and By-Laws, in a book kept for that purpose by the Treasurer.

The Secretary shall notify each person of his election, and shall furnish him with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws; and no person shall be considered a member (with the exception above noted) who shall fail for sixty days, after receiving notice of his election, to comply with the provisions of this article, unless his name has again been proposed and favorably acted upon.

## ARTICLE XIV.

#### ENTRANCE-FEE.

The entrance-fee shall be Twenty Dollars. But professional artists shall have the privilege of paying their entrance-fees either in money or by the contribution of origi-

nal sketches or other works of art, if accepted by the Board of Management as a sufficient equivalent therefor; and such contributions shall become the property of the Club, to be retained in its possession, or disposed of at the discretion of the Government.

## ARTICLE XV.

#### ASSESSMENTS..

A notice of each assessment shall be delivered to the member liable therefor, or shall be mailed to him, or shall be left at his usual place of business or abode.

Should any member neglect to pay his assessment for sixty days after it is due, and after he has received notice thereof, the Government may (provided no satisfactory excuse is given for such neglect) erase his name from the list of members. But, in case of such erasure, notice shall be sent to him in writing that he has ceased to be a member, specifying the reasons therefor.

And he shall thereupon cease to be a member, and shall forfeit all his right, title, and interest in and to all the property of the Club.

Any member absent from the State for one year or more shall be exempt from all assessments that may be laid during such absence.

Any member absent from the State when any assessment may become due shall not incur any penalty, provided he pays the same within thirty days after his return.

## ARTICLE XVI.

## PROXIES.

At all meetings of the Club the votes of absent members will be received on written proxies only; and no business shall be transacted unless there be at least ten members present in person.

## ARTICLE XVII.

## RESIGNATIONS.

Any member may withdraw from the Club by paying all dues, and giving written notice thereof to the Treasurer; and such withdrawal shall operate as an assignment and a release to the Club of all right, title, and interest of such member in and to the property or assets of the Club.

#### ARTICLE XVIII.

## REMOVAL OF OFFICERS.

Any officer of the Club may at any time be removed from office by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the Club; and any vacancy in the Government may be filled at any regular meeting by the Club.

## ARTICLE XIX.

#### EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.

In case of persistence in the infraction of any rule by any member, or of any conduct on the part of any member, which,

in the opinion of the Government, may tend to endanger the good order, welfare, or character of the Club, it shall be their duty to erase his name from the list of members, and to notify him in writing of his expulsion, specifying the reasons therefor.

And he shall thereupon cease to be a member, and shall forfeit all the rights and privileges of membership, unless, upon his appeal to the Club at the next stated meeting after his expulsion, the decision of the Government shall be reversed by a majority of votes cast at said meeting, when twenty-five members present, in person or by proxy, shall be deemed a quorum.

## ARTICLE XX.

#### QUORUM.

Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, except the election of officers and honorary members, the expulsion of members, and amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

## ARTICLE XXI.

#### AMENDMENTS.

No alteration or amendment of the Constitution or By-Laws shall be made, unless the proposed alteration or amendment be presented at a regular meeting, and posted in the club-rooms, for at least seven days before being acted upon, and finally adopted at a subsequent meeting (due notice of which shall have been given) by the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon.

Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum under this article.



## BY-LAWS.

## ARTICLE I.

## PROPERTY.

No picture, statue, or other work of art, the property of the Club, or any property intrusted to it, shall be taken from the rooms of the Club, except by the authority of the Government.

Any destruction of, or injury to, the property of the Club, or of any articles or works of art which may be in the custody thereof, shall be paid for by the members who shall have caused the same; and the amount to be paid by such members shall be the cost of replacing or repairing the property so destroyed or injured, the same to be certified by the President and countersigned by the Treasurer: but the Government shall have authority to remit the same at their discretion.

## ARTICLE II.

#### LIBRARY.

SECTION 1. All books and periodicals belonging to or deposited with the Club shall be kept in the charge of the

Librarian, and shall be open to the use of the members at all times.

SEC. 2. Any member wishing to take a book from the library of the Club can do so by applying to the Librarian, and giving his name with the title of the book desired, or, in the absence of the Librarian, by entering his own name, the title of the book taken, and the date of taking in a recordbook to be kept by the Librarian for that purpose.

If the Librarian is absent when the book is returned, the member returning it shall enter the date thereof in said record-book.

The Government may suspend the privileges accorded in Sec. 2 of this article at any time, by causing a notice thereof to be posted in the club-rooms.

The library shall be open to the contributions of members or others, either in books or funds, and the names of contributors shall be duly recorded.

## ARTICLE III.

## VISITORS.

Members may personally introduce visitors to the rooms at any time, except during a business meeting.

A book shall be kept by the Librarian, in which shall be entered the names and residences of all visitors, and the names of the members introducing them.

This privilege may be suspended by the Government at its discretion, with regard to any individual member or visitor, by a notice in writing signed by the Secretary and addressed to such person.



## ARTICLE IV.

#### NOTICE-BOX.

A notice-box shall be kept in the club-rooms, in which any member is authorized to deposit, under his signature, any complaint as to the management of the Club, or any suggestion he may desire to make.

## ARTICLE V.

A complete list of the Officers and Committees of the Club shall be kept posted up in the club-rooms; and such list shall be corrected by the Secretary as changes occur.

## ARTICLE VI.

## SMOKING.

Smoking shall not be allowed during business meetings, and shall be permitted only in such rooms as the Government may designate.



# LIST OF MEMBERS.

Ayer, Adams Avery, Abraham Appleton, William S. Alger, Rev. William R. Adams, I. S. Angell, Dr. H. C. Almy, William F. Ahlborn, Dr. Henry Allen, Charles W. Austin, Amory Abbott, Edwin H. Appleton, Charles H. Attwood, Gilbert Andrews, C. L. Amory, Francis Adams, Edward D. Appleton, Thomas G. Atkins, John E. Austin, James W.

Barry, Charles A.
Bellows, Albert F.
Bartlett, Francis
Brown, J. Appleton
Baker, Lucas
Bryant, Herbert P.
Bethune John M.

Brooks, Walter D. Blake, James H. Buffum, Edgar C. Brigham, Charles I. Blake, George Baty, Jr. Burdick, Horace R. Blake, Dr. C. J. Brackett, Walter M. Billings, Joseph E. Burnett, Joseph Bricher, A. T. Baldwin, A. C. Billings, E. T. Brown, Samuel N. Jr. Brooks, Peter C. Jr. Boardman, T. Dennie Black, J. W. Brown, E. J. Brimmer, Martin Bartlett, John Brooks, Francis Burgess, Benjamin F. Blaney, Henry Bullard, John R. Barton, Edward H. Blakeslee, E. Brown, Charles D.

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Bemis, Dr. C. V.
Bethune, Dr. George A.
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Browne, T. Quincy

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